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1. ON FEBRUARY 11, 1975, PROMINENT CITIZENS OF MILAN
WITH ENCOURAGEMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED A DRUG ABUSE
PREVENTION PROGRAM TO COMBAT THE GROWING DRUG ABUSE BY YOUNG
ITALIANS WITHIN ITALY. THE PRESENT DRUG COMMITTEE, LED BY PROFESS-
OR FRANCESCO OGLIARI, POWERFUL, DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC
PARTY LEADER, FORMED IN RESPONSE TO THE GROWING DRUG PROBLEM IN
NORTHERN ITALY AND PARTICULARLY IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF RECENT
DEATHS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO DRUG OVERDOSE.

2. COMMITTEE NOW FORMULATING PLANS FOR AN ANTI-DRUG ABUSE CAMPAIGN
THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF MILAN AND PROGRAM TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF
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THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE INTO HOMES AND SCHOOLS. COMMITTEE HOPES

IN TIME EXPAND PROGRAM THROUGHOUT ITALY.

3. COMMITTEE HAS NOW REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE, IN THE FORM OF ADVICE AND LOGISTICAL INFORMATION TO INCLUDE LITERATURE AND FILMS CONCERNING DRUG ABUSE AND THE AUTHORITY TO TRANSLATE AND REPRODUCE THIS INFORMATION FOR LOCAL NEEDS.

4. FURTHERMORE, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE OGLIARI VISIT THE US IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO STUDY COSTS, METHODS AND EFFECTIVENESS FOR MILAN CAMPAIGN (POPULATION APPROXIMATELY 3 MILLION). OGLIARI PROPOSES THREE-DAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND/OR NEW YORK AT COMMITTEE EXPENSE.

5. OGLIARI LAWYER, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND TRANSPORTATION, PRESIDENT OF MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WELL-KNOWN TO CONSULATE AS GOOD AND EFFECTIVE FRIEND WITH BRIGHT POLITICAL FUTURE. WEALTHY, EXTRAORDINARILY ENERGETIC, PROLIFIC WRITER, OGLIARI ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH US AND NOW COMMITTED TO MANAGING LOCAL DC ELECTION CAMPAIGN AS WELL AS BEING TOUTED AS DC MAYORAL CANDIDATE.

6. IN VIEW IMPORTANCE OF COMMITTEE, IMPORTANCE TO US OF LOCAL COLLABORATION IN DEA ACTIVITY, VALUE WHICH HEIGHTENED LOCAL SENSITIVITY TO DRUG ABUSE WOULD HAVE FOR OUR EFFORTS INTERCEPT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC AND POLITICAL BENEFITS OF COOPERATION WITH LOCAL LEADERSHIP TO DEMONSTRATE US PREEMINENCE IN THIS VITAL FIELD OF PUBLIC POLICY, I BELIEVE OGLIARI SHOULD BE PROMPTLY INVITED AND GIVEN RED CARPET TREATMENT. HE IS HYPER-ACTIVE TYPE, PREPARED TO LEAP ON FIRST PLANE FOR ANY CORNER OF THE WORLD, DASH ABOUT DOING THE JOB AND TO RUSH BACK TO MILAN WITHOUT APPARENT WASTE OF TIME ON REST, SLEEP OR FOOD. CONSEQUENTLY, WASHINGTON COULD PROPOSE TIGHT, LONG PROGRAM TO BEGIN EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. (IN FACT, OGLIARI ASKED TUESDAY IF HE COULD LEAVE ON THURSDAY*)

7. ALTHOUGH OGLIARI WILL NEED INTERPRETER, HE HAS QUICK MIND AND EXCELLENT PREPARATION WHICH SHOULD ALLOW HIM TO CRAM IN LARGE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION IN TIME PROPOSED.

8. SPECIFICALLY, HE WISHES TO LEARN ABOUT US EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, COSTS FOR EDUCATION, TECHNIQUES TO REACH YOUNG PEOPLE, TEACHERS, PARENTS, PHYSICIANS, POLICE, AND MEDIA, US EXPERIENCE
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WITH VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL TECHNIQUES, MEANS OF JUDGING EFFECTIVENESS, COST-EFFECTIVENESS, AND ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT MILAN COMMITTEE COULD CONSIDER. IN ADDITION, OGLIARI WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING OF REHABILITATION EFFORTS AND HAVE EVALUATION OF RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS, ALTHOUGH THIS NOT PRIMARY COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY AT THIS TIME. MOREOVER, BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST ONE SESSION ON US DRUG TRAFFIC INTERDICTION AND RESULTS DESIREABLE FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL SUPPORT FOR DEA COLLABORATION WITH GOI.

9. WOULD APPRECIATE PROPOSED PROGRAM SOONEST SO THAT WE CAN
OFFER LOCAL COMMITTEE TYPE OF QUICK RESPONSE MEET THEIR NEEDS
THAT DEA HAS BEEN GETTING TO MEET OURS.FINA UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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